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—Franklin.

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Casting About

Did you know that there are more women over 45 than men over 45 in the United States at the present time. This of course does not include my Gal Sunday or Joyce Jordan - Girl Interne....

There are 800,000 more potential women voters than men.... Tom Dewey is probably at this moment, upon hearing the news, trimming his mustache.... Henry Wallace no doubt is peeking around the corner, lick.... and Bob Taft is cleaning his glasses.... while all this time Harry Truman is merely dreaming of his new porch....

Men who have so long been the dominant force should beware of this new threat to their domination.... a man's place is in the home....

Think men, what this means.... 800,000 more women on the march.... a nylon curtain is about to descend upon the world.... what will be done to pierce the nylon curtain.... another Marshall Plan.... a United States of Men to combat this onrush of the distaff side.... The fate of the men is clear.... soon we will be having, for men only, such things as.... King for

a Day.... Cecil Crocker, Your Handy Man Around the Kitchen.... Tom Brennenman will try one of YOUR hats on....

Where are all the men.... why this lopsided balance of women against men.... speak up men.... assert your rights....

The good thing about it all is however that women themselves do not know they are in the majority.... they have a voice too we are told.... As long as the information can be kept from the ladies then the men are safe.... don't sabotage the soap operas.... a blessing in disguise.... Keep them around the bridge table men.... tie them down to the buffet.... then the men can keep their proper place in the world....

But think what 800,000 women can do.... they can elect a president.... they can decide many of the problems of the day.... they can determine how much the government can spend.... they can decide.... they can do much if they want to do it.... this new majority has great power.... if they use it.... if they use it well.


WCTU March Meeting

The March meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held at the home of Mrs. Beesie Symonds. After the devotions and business meeting, Miss Virginia Powell was the speaker. She told of her many experiences on the island of Salpian in her Red Cross work. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Symonds, Mrs. N. Fay Smith and Mrs. McMillan. Mrs. Ruth Marston poured the tea. Being St. Patrick's Day, green predominated in decoration.

New Citizens

BRIEFMASTER — At Franklin County Public hospital, March 19, a daughter, Alice Emily, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Briefmaster of East Northfield; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Briefmaster of East Northfield and Mr. and Mrs. Gustave W. Kalhoff of West Hartford, Conn.

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"Peg O' My Heart" A Hit On Local Stage

The Friendly Class of the Congregational Church presented "Peg O' My Heart", a comedy of youth in three acts, at the Town Hall on March 19, 1948. The play was written by J. Hartley Manners and produced by special arrangement with Walter Baker of Boston, Mass. Sound effects by Owen Stacey; Ushers in charge of Mrs. Bernard Whitney; Candy sale, Mrs. Leonard Langbeer; Settings and properties, by Miss Sophie Servaes and committee.

The play was directed by Mrs. George Carr with the following cast:

Mrs. Chichester — Mrs. J. Reid; Footman — Mr. R. Fish; Ethel — Mrs. G. F. Quigley; Alaric — Mr. R. Reeves; Christian Brent — Mr. W. Sanderson; Peg — Mrs. J. Gillespie; Montgomery Hawkes — Mr. J. A. Daly; Maid — Mrs. R. Barnes; Jerry — Mr. J. Gillespie.

"Peg O' My Heart" has furnished many and varied audiences, including the near-capacity house at the town hall last Friday, with laughter and pleasure since Laurette Taylor made this play her own personal vehicle. J. Hartley Manners wrote this play for his wife, Miss Taylor, and both acquired their greatest claims to fame from the play.

The story is of a forthright, nimble-tongued Irish girl coming into a staid impoverished English country home like a clean breath of Irish air. Little does it matter that she came from Ireland by way of New York, she is a colleen none the less with brio and all.

The story goes on to depict the efforts of Peg to become an English lady while at the same time, unknown to herself, saving her overseers from the ruin that is about to befall them when the banks collapsed.

Peg, who is beset by suitors on every hand, cannot stand the airs of the Chichester family and wants to leave, little knowing that the terms of a certain will call for her to remain in this home and become a lady. The family of course does not want Peg to leave, which would leave them without an income and might force them out into the cold world to WORK (horrid word) for a living.

Finally Peg is convinced by her guardian Jerry (later we discover he is really Sir Gerald) to remain here at the Chichester home, and we may assume that Sir Gerald and Peg would be married, the Chichester family would be saved from having to work for a living.

Mrs. James Gillespie, as Peg, furnished the play with an air of Erin, and with the support of a most competent cast, furnished spectators a most pleasant and gay evening.

The Chichester family consisting of Mrs. J. Reid, Mrs. G. F. Quigley, and Mr. R. Reeves furnished the proper snobbish background for the elfin spirit of Peg.

Mr. Gillespie and Mr. Sanderson, as the clandestine suitors, played their parts well, with Mr. Gillespie further having the proper air for a titled gentleman farmer. Mr. Daly as the barrister involved, succeeded in bringing the proper legal air to the part, even when he in a legalistic way sought the hand of Peg.

The two servants, Mrs. Barnes and Mr. Fish, left nothing to be desired in their portrayals of the maid and the footman respectively. They were excellent.

The players, Mrs. Carr and the Friendly Class are to be complimented upon bringing to the local stage a fine play done in fine style.

The stage setting was well-executed and set the proper background for Peg O' My Heart.

FISH AND GAME

The Fish and Game Association will have its annual meeting, Tuesday, in the town hall at 8 p.m. to elect officers.

Poll To Be Taken At U.M.T. Debate Apr. 7

Post Commander Richard Steenbruggen of the "Haven H. Spencer Post" of the American Legion has announced that in conjunction with the debate on Universal Military Training at the Town Hall on April 7, an informal poll will be taken on the sentiments of the audience on the question on U.M.T. Ballots will be given to listeners and they will be allowed to mark them much the same as at any other election.

The debating team from the American International College in Springfield, with their previous experience on debating this question will bring to the audience at the town hall a complete picture of both sides of this vital question. Commander Steenbruggen has expressed the hope that other organizations in town will urge their members to be present at this occasion.

P.T. A. News

The Northfield P.T. A. will sponsor an auction sale at the Town Hall on April 1. The doors will open at 7 p.m. and the auction will begin at 8 p.m. with J. W. Field as auctioneer.

The proceeds of this sale will go to the scholarship fund so if you have not contributed you may get in touch with any of the following people: Mrs. David Hammond, chairman of the auction committee, and the following district workers: In Northfield Farms, Mrs. Ernest Parker, Mrs. Glenn Billings; Northfield Mountain, Mrs. Lewis Starkey; Upper East Northfield, Mrs. James Gillespie; East Northfield, Mrs. Paul Thompson, Mrs. Alvin Porter, Mrs. Charles Scanlon, Mrs. Keith Jacobus, Mrs. Donald Hays, Mrs. Bernard Whitney; Northfield, Mrs. Corys Hesilton, Mrs. Flora Abbey, Mrs. Robert Abbott, Mrs. Leslie Martin; West Northfield, Mrs. Charles White.

The chairman suggests the following list as possible contributions for the Auction: food, canned goods, dishes, utensils, furniture, curtains, curtain rods, bric-a-brac, all types of clothing, shoes, galoshes, books, baskets, churns, farm machinery, farm animals, pets, garden tools, etc.

All contributions will be called for by Alvin Porter.

April Inspection Of All Automobiles

Every motor vehicle registered in Massachusetts must soon display the new black sticker, which certifies that the vehicle has been duly examined during the month of April. After May first all autos will be ruled off the roads if the examination has not been made. Registrar Rudolph F. King means business and urges motorists to have their cars inspected as soon as possible. Take your car to your garage for this inspection. This April it is expected that the largest number of cars will be gone over as the registrations have greatly increased.

Town Topics

Those attending the Flower Show from South Vernon last Thursday were: Mrs. Martha Emery, Mrs. Elsie Racine, Mrs. Marjorie Collier, Mrs. Nell Cote, Mrs. Ethel Miller, Mrs. Lucile Palmer, Mrs. Francis Smead, Miss Marjorie Hall, Mrs. Eva Hall, Mrs. Irene Gregory, Mrs. Ionia Coolbrith, Mrs. Harriet Morrill, Mrs. Merrill Allen, Mrs. George Bailey, Mrs. Helena Gove, Mrs. R. H. Towner and Mrs. Mildred Dunklee.

Mrs. Nelson Spring of Main street attended the Flower Show in Boston last week.

The State Primary Is Scheduled Soon

The voters of Northfield will have a share in the nomination of presidential candidates when the State primaries are held on Tuesday, April 27. Members of the political parties will cast their ballots for the delegates, and alternates, to the national convention. Members of the state party to compose the State Committee for the various parties will also be selected. Party voters will also select and vote for their local town committee. Nomination papers for this committee have already been filed by the following: Dorothy L. Miller, Charlotte Wright, George McEwan, William Hoehn, George W. Carr, Ernest A. Parker, Sidney H. Given, F. Wilton Dean, Fred I. Bolton, Murray M. Hammond, Robert P. Barnes and Melvyn A. Morgan, for the Republicans. Since no papers have been filed for the Democratic town committee, the state committee will make the appointment.

The Registrars will sit at the Town Hall today, Friday, March 26, to enroll new voters.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 26 Good Friday.
March 28 Easter Sunday.
March 29 Boy Scouts Meet.
March 30 American Legion "Haven H. Spencer Post" meets.
March 31 Eastern Star meets.
April 1 P. T. A. Auction Sale. Doors open at 7. Town Hall.
April 3 Fortnightly annual luncheon at the Northfield, 1 p.m.
April 5 Garden Club meets at Alexander Hall.
April 7 U.M.T. debate at town hall.
April 8 Unitarian Women's Alliance annual luncheon.
April 8 - 9 - 19 Easthampton Antique Exposition and Sale at the Town Hall, Easthampton, Mass.

Town Topics

Ralph Barrows, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Barrows, returned to Mr. Vernon School after spending his spring vacation with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Grove Deming spent last week end with their children and visited the Flower Show in Boston.

Glenover Inn is preparing a booklet with photographs to extol the advantages of a vacation in Northfield. The booklet will also contain many photographs of the interior of Glenover, as well as scenes of the surrounding countryside.

Our neighboring town of Gill has announced its tax rate for this year as \$30, the same rate as last year. The Franklin County school committee Association which includes Northfield will meet in Greenfield Thursday, April 29. The annual meeting of School District No. 23 of which Northfield is a member will meet in Northfield at Center school on Tuesday evening, April 13 at eight o'clock.

The report of the audit of the accounts of the town of Northfield for last year is being published in pamphlet form and will be ready for distribution in about ten days. The report usually included in the town report was delayed, owing to the audit having been made at a later date than in former recent years. It must be published according to legal requirement.

Ellen Finch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Courtland Finch, is seriously ill at the Elliot Memorial Hospital in Keene, N.H.

ICE LEAVING CONNECTICUT RIVER WATER OVERFLOWS INTO LOWLANDS

Spring arrived last Saturday to the Connecticut River. The ice began to leave the River as the temperatures rose and ice and snow began to melt.

The river was dotted with tremendous floes of ice as the water began to rise and wash to the sea. With the many small streams feeding the Connecticut the waters began to spread over the lowlands, but damage was negligible.

The area around Northfield was free of ice jams and although the water was rushing over the dams at Turners Falls with such force that the bridge shuddered no jams were caused.

The approaches to the Bennetts meadows bridge and the Shell bridge were closed for a short period as waters rose and covered portions of the roadways, but with cooler weather the water soon subsided and traffic was going slowly over these roads.

With the very warm weather of last Saturday came a treacherous blanket of fog that kept automobiles and trucks off the highways. Those that did venture out found that it was necessary to crawl at the proverbial snail's pace.

Authorities had predicted that an appreciable amount of rain would bring the level of the river to dangerous heights, but with that danger past for the moment it looked as if the river would soon settle into its course and that its rampaging would be confined to flooded lowlands.

The local Red Cross disaster committee, in Northfield, consisting of George W. Carr, A. Gordon Moody and William F. Hoehn, had been alerted in the event their services were needed.

The judges were, Miss Eva Freeman, Mr. Horace Morse and Mr. Lester White.

Boston Flower Show

The oldest of the big flower shows celebrated its seventy-seventh anniversary at Mechanics Hall in Boston last week.

"Tulip Time" was the theme of of this year's New England Flower Show, and as one stepped into the huge auditorium the eye could follow row on row of breath-taking beauty. On one end there was a painted backdrop of Holland with a real windmill in the foreground, slowly turning its arms in the warm afternoon sun. A canal, with little bridges to cross it, went through the middle of the hall with the most luxurious plantings of tulips and hyacinths on either side.

The most interesting displays were the garden scenes with green lawns, gravel walks, flower borders, and the illusion of sunshine filtering through the branches of large pine trees, that one was almost tempted to go in and sit down for awhile. Those gardens displayed wrought iron furniture, trellises and many unusual plants.

Other scenes presented alpine plants, a cactus garden, amaryllis and madonna lily gardens, and an old-fashioned garden. Both a rose garden and big displays of cut blooms were on view in the Rose Hall. Carnations were displayed as cut blooms for vases and centerpieces. Huge hybrid anemones were everywhere.

Seeds and garden tools were displayed for sale and many of the large crowd were making purchases in preparation for the summer ahead.

Fortnightly Luncheon

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"Entered as second-class matter August 9, 1935, at the Post Office at Northfield, Massachusetts under the Act of March 3, 1879."

When the local American Legion Post brings to the Northfield Town Hall a debating team from American International College it would be well that we all attended.

The fate of Universal Military Training cannot be dismissed with a wave of the hand and a shrug of the shoulders. It must be examined and understood by every citizen. Its attributes, its defects must be weighed carefully.

For either in the acceptance or rejection of U.M.T., the Marshall Plan and Selective Service does our future depend. Not merely if we as individuals live or die, but if the world is to live or die.

Keep April 7 in mind.

We came across a most interesting book at the Dickinson Memorial Library the other day called "The Great Rehearsal" by Carl Van Doren.

In this book Van Doren has brought together in cohesive form many of the scattered notes, diaries and official records that dealt with the period when the separate states of the future United States met in solemn conclave to hammer into being a solid unity among the then loosely allied states.

The names of Washington, Madison, Franklin and Hamilton parade across the pages of this volume. Not only do we see these men contribute their great talents and energies to the task, but we see the lesser known men whose names have come down to us through the years, all emerge together from this trying period with an enduring federation as their reward.

A fine book to read in these times.

POET'S CORNER

(Contributions by local poets are welcome)

TREENEATH

My Treenearth is a tiny house
Set on a sunny hill,
Where thrushes sing their songs at dawn
And at dusk the whippoorwill.

Tall trees stand sentinel above
My cot, three times as high.
Walnut, maple and oak they point
Silently to the sky.

The sun comes peeping o'er the rise
To glid the tallest pine
Before it finds the roof and makes
My kitchen windows shine.

The sunset, glowing through the trees,
Has a lacy patterned cover
While bluest hills wear filmy veils
Over across the river.

My garden joy is my despair
(It never is in order)
Though many a cherished flower
And weed
Are found within its border.

The squash is neighbor to the balm,
Sweet peas and rose and phlox,
And you may see Sweet William
Tell thyme by the four o'clocks.

My greatest pleasure is to share
This Treenearth place, so come
Sit by my fire, and drink some tea
And make yourself at home.
D. B. T.

PUPPY LOVE

by HELEN SUTIN

Don't know what I'm going to do,
That pup has chewed up my new shoe.
He springs at me with quivering nose
And tears a rum-rin my nylon hose!

He wags that tail in feendish glee
And grins at torn upholstery,
And housebreaking — tho' we're on guard
He thinks the rugs are his back yard!

You want to buy him — really do,
And take my dog away with you?
That friendly, gay, devoted cuss —
No thank you, pal, he stays with us!

Town Topics

Mrs. H. Allen Wright is spending the Easter holidays with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence White of Boston.

Edwin Finch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Courtland Finch, was discharged from the Army last Saturday and arrived home on Tuesday, March 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Ray of Providence are spending the Easter holidays with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beaman at their home on Bismarck Road.

THE "SQUEEZE" BOX

This column is your safety-valve! Your letters are welcome and we shall try to print as many as space will allow. The views expressed in the letters are not necessarily the views of the editors.

To the Editors:

Now that plans of Haven H. Spencer Post, American Legion, for the debate on Universal Military Training have been completed, it is hoped that full attendance will be realized.

It is quite fitting that the question is to be debated by men of the age group which will be directly affected. Not only is the subject vital to our young men and their parents, the final decision will affect us all and influence world opinion and action. The American Legion has supported the principle of U. M. T. for more than 25 years, and together with other major veterans' organizations is, now actively campaigning to have the program enacted by the present Congress.

Regardless of our private opinions, I believe it to be the duty of each one of us to become fully informed on the subject and to take an active part in helping to determine the outcome. The word of that eminent jurist and soldier the late Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes are pertinent: "Life is passion and action and a man who does not take part in the action and passion of his time is in peril of being judged not to have lived."

With two World Wars in one generation it has become clear that the world is not ready to give up military force as the means of settling differences among nations. And while we all hate war, it would be folly to let our military forces deteriorate to the point where we would be at the mercy of potential aggressors or unable to defend our principles wherever they might be threatened.

It can be shown, I believe, that Soviet Russia was never our ally in World War II. She only fought the same major enemy in Europe — Nazi Germany; and that while we won our part of the war in Europe, we lost the peace to Russia when our troops were halted at the border of Czechoslovakia and elsewhere and ordered to withdraw to predetermined positions at other places so that Russia might occupy territory essential to her ambitions.

Some apologists for Soviet Russia declare that we should not interfere in those countries which are threatened by Communism; in free elections, choose their form of government by the democratic process. Russia will readily agree, for democracy means Communism in the Russian vocabulary and it would mean abandonment of those countries to all the forms of amorality pressure which have proved so effective.

While many religious leaders and educators are exercising their privilege in opposing U.M.T., it would seem that their efforts logically would be directed toward the education which is the only hope of eventually bringing the world to the place where physical might will not make right.

The annihilation of space has truly made our planet one world and we can no longer rest secure behind our natural defenses of distance. While United Nations is a hopeful beginning, it will not be until each nation is willing to give up part of its sovereignty — the right to maintain military forces except for internal protection — and leave all other armed forces to a UN police force, that we can have peace.

Recent events prove that we must choose now between the risk of one kind of war or the certainty of another kind — the result of non-resistance. Only by being strong in all our defensive forces can the choice be a free one.

A Legionnaire.

FFA History Traced

To New Jersey Group

A group undertaking by New Jersey farm boys in 1923 has been responsible for the national organization known as the Future Farmers of America.

Twenty-five years ago, students taking vocational agriculture courses in rural high schools gathered together at the college of agriculture, Rutgers university. Then, as now, state-wide contests for farm boys were held, judged by instructors and extension specialists at the college. During the get-together in the fall of 1923, youths from several counties discussed the possibility of organizing a state-wide group. The outcome was an association formed by the boys under the name of the Young Farmers association of New Jersey.

"The aim of this association is to advance the interests the members have in common and to create new interests that will tend to bring them into closer relationship," the group stated in its constitution. The young people planned the association so as to build a friendly rivalry among the various schools of the state. The members aimed to further the cause of vocational agriculture in the public schools and to train themselves for future participation in adult affairs.

Soon after the return of the contestants to their home towns, local organizations were formed in all the schools where agriculture was taught, and the individual clubs affiliated with the state organization founded at the college.

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In "Vermont Heritage," by Barrows Mussey, we have a completely delightful little volume predominantly a picture book, giving as precise and often witty thumb-nail sketches of the history and customs of our neighbor state. Brimming over with reproductions of rare old engravings, from the Museum Society of Brattleboro, the text is divided into three sections: Green Mountain Country-Towns, hills and travel, from Vernon to St. Albans; Green Mountain Boys — men who made Vermont and men whom Vermont made; Green Mountain Life — Body and soul, work and play, the year, indoors and out.

In the chapter on seasonal activity in Vermont, we particularly enjoyed the pages on sugaring. This appealed to us especially as we have just tapped our first tree and after hours of boiling and stirring and sniffing, have emerged triumphant with a teacup (scant) of our own syrup. To quote, "When the sugar-bollers get hungry," said a magazine in 1850: "as people are pretty apt to do on occasions like this, a slice of brown bread thickly covered with half-boiled sap, forms a very satisfying luncheon." Every step in sugaring is fun, but the jollification comes at the end of the season. The farmers take turns in inviting their neighbors to a sugaring-off, when the most interesting and fascinating of the population gather around the boiling sweetness and make merry while the hours slip away. It is estimated that the sugar-making season does more to encourage marriage than almost any other industrial phenomenon in nature." Following sugaring comes spring

— to quote again, "Hard upon sugaring come mud-time and plowing — no progress can change that. Indeed progress has gone backwards for many a Vermont motorist has had to send for horses to draw him out of the mud."

John Graham, of Rutland in 1797, has a word to say about the women of Vermont. "The women of this state bear hardship to an incredible degree, and I must, in justice to my fair countrywomen, declare that better housewives, or more expert in the use of the needle, do not exist; nor do they confine themselves slothfully within doors when the labours of the field stand in need of their assistance, they then with cheerfulness and alacrity join the men and help to gather in the harvest."

Reverend Perkins, of log cabin days in Vermont, however, took a different and less happy view of these hardy women. Says he, "I grieve to hear what thousands and thousands have endured, women and children in coming to this State of Vermont. I ask myself, are these women of the same species with our fine ladies? tough are they, brawny their limbs, — their young girls unpollished — and will bear work as well as mules. Many profane — yet cheerful and much more contented than in Hartford — and the women more contented than ye men — turned tawny by ye smoke of ye log-burns."

We hope that these few paragraphs will make you ask us for "Vermont Heritage" — you won't be sorry!

B. H. B.

Colonial Chronicles

History in the Making
in Northfield
No. 7 in the Series
A DIGRESSION

Recently the Northfield Historical Society received from Dr. Lewis Hodous of this town, a very interesting large leather-bound book that was commenced as an account book in 1819 and was continued in 1838 as a journal of general and cultural interests in Northfield. There is some uncertainty as to who kept the accounts and whether they were the storekeepers, and also as to who kept the journal. The latter mentioned his Warwick, Aunt Chamberlain and Cousin Goldsberry, and evidently attended the Trinitarian Church.

The contents of the accounts, mostly kept in shillings and pence, are by far the stranger and more antique part of the book, while the journal gives good evidence of the Lyceum meetings, church services, town meetings, weather, occasional trips to other towns on business or vacation. Each Lyceum program consisted of a lecture and a debate. Both are summarized in these records. Among the topics discussed at these Lyceum programs were temperance, anti-slavery, geology, dyeing cloth, astronomy, capital punishment, child care. The Sunday services at church were recorded as to preacher and text of service.

Three Lyceum talks were given by Captain Richard Colton on the History of Northfield. This was years before the town had a written history. The first and second speeches were on the first and second settlements of Northfield. The third was not reported, for the writer had to be absent from the meeting.

Few are the families that have remained at the same homestead for a century or more; also few are the families who have kept family records for over a century. In some families leaders tend to appear in more generations than in others. A continuity of interest seems to be handed down occasionally. For instance, for four generations the local Colton family, living on the site of Ebenezer Alexander's fort, have maintained an enthusiasm for local history.

Lieutenant, Captain, Deacon Ebenezer Alexander (1684 - 1768) was a great grandfather of Phila Alexander, who was grandmother to D. L. Moody. Evangelist Moody gave little thought to his genealogy and was known to remark that in looking up one's ancestry one might find a horse thief.

However, a little research in Moody's genealogy brings to light some interesting facts. When in 1875 when Temple and Sheldon placed genealogies in their History of Northfield, they went back only to his grandfather Isaiah Moody who came to town about 1796 and was a brick mason. Nevertheless it can be shown that the first in this country was John who moved with Rev. Thomas Hooker from Cambridge to found Hartford which joined with Windsor and Wethersfield in forming the Connecticut Colony based upon representative government, which in turn was based upon Hooker's radically new idea that "The right to choose the Magistrate belongs to the people by God's own allowance" and that the government has only such powers as the people delegate it. This was a far cry from the theocracy of Massachusetts and New Haven colonies. The Moody family, in the Evangelist's line, moved from Hartford to Hadley, then to South Hadley and finally to Northfield. Mean-

while from Wethersfield to Hadley, in its founding, came two Smith families, Lieutenant Samuel and the widow and children of Rev. Henry, the first minister in Wethersfield. Incidentally, this was the only minister found to date in the Evangelist's list of forefathers.

In the third generation these two Smith families were united by marriage of Preserved and Mary. They had two sons, Samuel, who came to Northfield in 1776 and was deacon and blacksmith and ancestor of D. L. Moody and Chleab, who a quarter of a century later left South Hadley with his wife Sarah Moody, a sister of one of Moody's forebears, to found Ashfield, some thirty miles from Northfield. The Ashfield couple were great grandparents on the female line of Mary Lyon who pioneered in higher education for women in founding Mount Holyoke in 1837, and thereby setting a model for many other seminaries and colleges here and abroad, including Northfield Young Ladies Seminary as it was first called in 1879.

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More than 15 dealers from Massachusetts and New Hampshire will set booths for the three day affair. The Sunset Farms Antique Shop will be represented at the Exposition.

The Exposition will be open on April 9 and 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on April 11, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. A complete selection of all kinds of antiques will be on display and available for sale.

GROWERS URGE NEW HEAD-QUARTERS FOR BOSTON MARKET AREA

Wholesale vegetable gardeners of Massachusetts have urged the establishment of a new headquarters for the Boston produce market.

Need for improved market facilities highlighted vegetable committee meetings at the recent Farm

Marketing Conference in Cambridge

According to Walter S. Hopkins, chairman of the vegetable committee, improvement of the Boston market would be the greatest factor in promoting the marketing of fresh produce.

Meanwhile, marketing officials predicted that vegetables would be in ample supply during 1948. It was expected that this year's demand would be equal to or slightly less than last year. Officials also felt that prices for fresh vegetables will be generally lower this year.

Growers attending the conference recommended that the legislature be called upon to pass the Market Authority Bill and to vote \$60,000 to continue the study of the market.

The committee emphasized the need for better packing and grading to preserve field fresh quality from farm to consumer, through pre-cooling and icing.

At the same time, local grower associations were encouraged to organize a vigorous campaign to advertise and promote locally grown vegetables.

News in the World of Religion by W. W. Reid

"The first disciples proclaimed an event of the greatest significance," says Presiding Bishop Henry K. Sherrill, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in his annual Easter message. "He is risen." In the entire history of mankind there is no news to compare with this — for here is a fact which has to do with God, eternal life, and the destiny of every child of God. To be sure we have known this all our lives. It is a story which is almost two thousand years old and therefore may be presumed to have no news value today. But there is such a thing as having ears and yet not hearing. Sometimes a familiar truth comes to have immediate and vital significance. Death is as old as life, yet when death touches our own, it is a new experience. Sin is venerable, but when we are gripped by temptation, it is a battle to be fought and won. So it is with the Good News of Easter. If we could only grasp its meaning for our world and for ourselves, all things would be made new. Selfishness would give way, the burden of sorrow and of despair would be lifted. Men would live as the children of God. Here then is good news!"

It is critically important for the American people and the American

churches to understand communism, what it stands for, and what it plans, and the reasons for its apparent successes, in the opinion of Dr. Ralph E. Diefendorfer, executive of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, whose missionaries are in contact with communism in both Europe and Asia. "We cannot combat communism by getting mad at Vishinsky's speeches. We Americans especially need to understand the ideology and force that is making itself felt today in all the world. Unfortunately we do not understand it, and if we try to we are accused of being proponents of it. What is being attacked in communism is the pre-supposition that lies at the base of all religion — that there is a God in the universe. Unless the church can meet this issue it cannot last long. The world is not interested in denominational eccentricities. The issue is whether or not God and Christ are able to meet the needs of men. All our churches must have a united message for the world today. We must not substitute the channels for the message."

Forty thousand Polish Lutherans now in Czechoslovakia are planning to affiliate with the Church of the Czech Brethren. Dr. Joseph Krenek of Prague, president of the Church of the Czech Brethren recently reported to the World Council

of Churches. Dr. Krenek stated that the work of the churches in Czechoslovakia is being carried on without interference from government authorities, and that progress is being made in the organization of new congregations. He reported that 60 per cent of Czechoslovakia's 12,000,000 population are Roman Catholics, and about 15 per cent Protestants; that the Lutheran Church has 450,000 members, the Czech Brethren 400,000, the Congregationalists 7,000, the Baptists 4,000, and the Methodists 7,000.

Many hundreds of Methodists and other church people in America have recently signed compacts to pray daily for the welfare of China. The call for prayer comes through Bishop W. Y. Chen, of the Methodist Church, who is also secretary of the National Christian Council of China. He says: "China is facing a great crisis. In Chinese, the opportunity for Christian advances means 'danger plus opportunity'. Pray for China that she may be delivered from all dangers. There is no time to lose. The National Christian Council has launched a three-year Christian Forward Movement. The watchword is 'All for Christ and Christ for All'. Will you remember this day in your prayers? We need God's help through you!" The form of prayer compact is: "I purpose to pray

OBITUARIES

MRS. EVA M. LAWRENCE

Mrs. Eva M. Lawrence, wife of Irving J. Lawrence of West Northfield, passed in death at her home on Saturday, March 20 at the age of sixty years. She had been in failing health for many months. She was born in Williamson, N.Y., October 18, 1887, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pease and after her marriage in 1914 came to Mount Hermon with her husband. Since 1933 they have resided in West Northfield. Beside her husband, survivors are two sons; Charles H. Lawrence, Leland R. Lawrence and a daughter, Marjorie, all of Northfield. She was a member of the Congregational church and of several community organizations in which she maintained an active interest. She was loved and honored by many friends. The funeral services were held at the Congregational church on Monday afternoon, with Rev. Joseph W. Reeves the pastor, officiating. Burial was in the family lot in the West Northfield cemetery.

daily: Lord Jesus, I pray thee, bless the Chinese Christians. Help everyone to witness for thee today. Help everyone who hears to believe. Help me to witness, too. For Jesus' sake. Amen."

Phelps Lectures on American Artists

The Fortnightly, and interested art students from the public schools, heard John Edward Phelps give an illuminating talk on art last Friday afternoon.

Phelps spoke of many American artists past and contemporary; telling some interesting bits and anecdotes about their lives and works. He has a vast knowledge of the history of art, and knows how to make it interesting to the uninitiated.

During his talk Phelps made a charcoal sketch of Maria Lopez to demonstrate the use of that medium. This was a new and delightful experience to most of the audience, and drew many spontaneous expressions of praise.

After the talk everyone had an opportunity to inspect John Phelps' work which was on display in Alexander Hall. He has an excellent collection of pencil sketches made in Europe during the war, and some familiar scenes done around Northfield. The most interesting of his work was a large painting of the "Tree of Life" which Phelps explained in detail. This painting involved a great deal of time and is so unusual that every effort should be made to see it personally.

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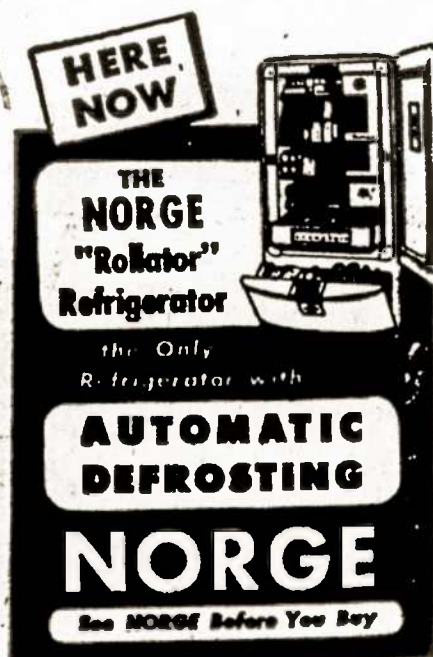
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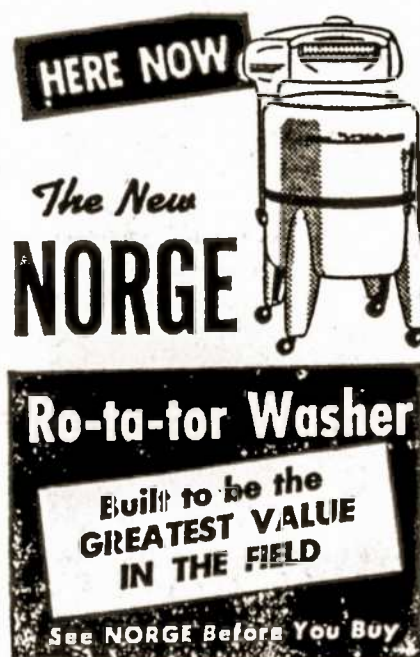
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11:00 a.m. Easter Worship. Easter flowers, Easter music and Easter sermon. Sermon subject, "Jesus and Death." Nursery for preschool age children.

6:30 p.m. Pilgrim Fellowship in an Easter service. Carroll Gillespie will have charge of the devotional service. Mr. Reeves will speak on "Heaven and Hell."

The March meeting of the Standing Committee has been cancelled. The young people are sponsoring a roller skating party at the South Deerfield rink on Monday evening.

Cars will leave from Morgan's store in East Northfield and the Gingers Pharmacy in Northfield at seven o'clock.

The Missionary Department of the Women's Guild will meet at Mrs. Cutler's on Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock.

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10:00 a.m. Opening Service, Mrs. Carroll Miller, superintendent, in charge.

Easter Songs, "Jesus Loves Me," Bobbie Ware.

The Easter Story, "The End Becomes the Beginning," Rev. Mrs. Gredler.

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Parents are cordially invited to the Sunday School service, which begins promptly at 10 o'clock.

11:00 a.m. Easter Church Service. Prelude Easter Dawn, Hodson.

My Heart Ever Faithful, Bach.

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Anthem "He Is Risen," Harker.

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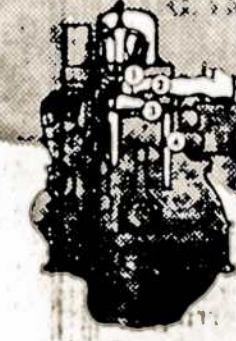


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